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# West Valley City Council Encourages Residents to Participate in National Night Out

West Valley City – On Tuesday, July 17, 2012 during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m., the West Valley City Council will read a proclamation declaring August 2012 "Neighborhood Nights" month, and Tuesday, August 7, 2012 as National Night Out Against Crime in West Valley City. The proclamation officially kicks off the city's month-long National Night Out efforts, and encourages all residents to participate in events throughout the community.

"West Valley City's participation in National Night Out has grown significantly in the 29 years we have been involved," says Craig Thomas, Assistant Director of Public Relations and Neighborhood Services. "The Council's proclamation further emphasizes the importance of this event to the city and our residents."

This year's National Night Out activities in West Valley City will include an estimated 35 events throughout the month of August with an anticipated attendance of 7,000 residents. Nationwide, the National Association of Town Watch (NATW), expects 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world to participate – an estimated 37 million people.

"Neighborhoods in West Valley City have made National Night Out a tradition," says Mayor Mike Winder. "This is a tradition that helps to strengthen and build unity in our neighborhoods."

### Schedule of Events:

- Monday, August 6, 5:30 8:00 p.m, Kickoff Event & Safety Fair Utah Cultural Celebration Center. 1355 W 3100 S
- Tuesday, August 7, Neighborhood Block Parties Neighborhoods throughout West Valley City
- Monday, August 13, 4:00 6:00 p.m., Family Safety Fair Family Fitness Center, 5415 W 3100 S
- Tuesday, August 14, 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m., National Noon Out Senior Safety Fair Harman Senior Recreation Center, 4090 S 3600 W
- Friday August 17 & Saturday August 18, 1:00 6:00 p.m., Police Safety Fair Valley Fair Mall, 3601 S 2700 W

#### National Night Out is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community relationships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

For more information about West Valley City Neighborhood Nights events or National Night Out 2012, call 801-963-3285 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/nno.